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PREFERENCED CANCER METASTASIS FORMATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Insert the attached Abstract page into the application as the last page thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A courtesy copy of the originally-filed PCT specification is enclosed herewith, but the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) copy should be relied upon if it is already in the U.S. Patent Office.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 3, line 1, delete "claims 1-2" and insert --claim 1--.

In claim 4, line 1, delete "claims 1-2" and insert --claim 1--.

In claim 5, line 1, delete "claims 1-4" and insert --claim 1--.

In claim 7, line 1, delete "the above claims" and insert --claim 1--.

In claim 9, lines 3 to 4, delete "described in claims 1-4".

In claim 10, line 1, delete "the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

#### REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3 to 5, 7 and 10.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

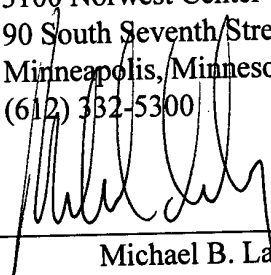
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